What Causes Window Condensation and How Do I Get Rid of It?

What is condensation?

You may know condensation as the droplets of moisture that appear on your windows and windowsills during the colder months. Whenever there is a lot of humidity in the air and a large difference in temperature between warm interior and cold exterior of the house, the cooling around the windows will make the excess moisture condense into water droplets.

How Do I Identify Condensation?

Water droplets are easy to spot on the large surfaces like windows, windowsills, walls and sometimes floors. But the really dangerous condensation occurs hidden from view, under the floorboards, inside the walls, or under roof spaces. There, it can lead to serious timber decay and Dry or Wet Rot infestations. Click here to learn more about Dry Rot and dangers of high moisture build up in structural timber.

Common Signs of Condensation Include:

- Water droplets condensing on the windows and other cold surfaces
- A damp musty smell
- Black mould appearing on surfaces like walls, floors or skirting boards

What causes Condensation?

The primary reason for condensation is lack of adequate ventilation. When the house is airtight, with double glazed windows, removed fireplaces or fitted carpets, the moisture may get sealed inside. Add to this the winter season, with

draught-proof windows and the lack of airflow, and you'll have a real condensation problem.

Sources of High moisture include:

- penetrating & rising dampness
- Increased air humidity due to heavy rains, snow, etc.
- boiling a kettle
- drying laundry inside the house
- poorly ventilated bathrooms
- or even breathing

How To Treat Condensation?

We recommend two main ways of controlling excess of condensation in your house. You can fight condensation by installing mechanical fans or air condition units. The sensitive areas would be kitchens, bathrooms and basements. The

solution and treatment is guaranteed for 30 years, giving you peace of mind that the treatment is effective.

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